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The fact is that it will cost Maricopa County, ultimately it's citizens, \$10,000,000 to replace existing radio equipment with new narrow band equipment. If we have to reduce ERP we are looking at costs exceeding \$30,000,000 in the construction of new radio sites to provide the needed coverage. That is if we can build sites that will provide the required coverage.

Several offices within Maricopa County depend on radio communications to provide services to the public. Among these services are Public Safety (Sheriff & Civil Defense), Health (Medical Center) and Transportation (Highway & Flood Control). The financial effects of FCC Part 88 will severely cripple the services that these organizations provide to the public.

Maricopa County understands the need for better spectrum efficiency. We would only hope that the Federal Communications Commission would consider the costs related to the implementation of FCC Part 88. We believe that the comments of APCO Inc. could be incorporated into a migration plan of a modified FCC Part 88.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William E. Cassels".

William E. Cassels,  
Director